tices and take action so that there are no malpractices. Recently, in June, 1984, certain guidelines have been issued to all the States and UTs. so as to reduce the scope of malpractices in the running of lotteries.

Crimes in the Running Trains

2787. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidence of crimes in the running trains increased in the recent past; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to check crimes in the running trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) There is no available data to show the incidence of crimes in running trains has increased in the recent past.

2. The Railways are taking following measures to prevent incidents of crimes on the Railways:—

(1) The drivers of the trains have been directed to sound the distress whistle if the train is brought to a sudden unscheduled halt so that the escort party is put on the alert.

(2) Coach attendants have been instructed to remain vigilant and prevent entry of unauthorised passengers into reserved compartments.

(3) The Research, Design and Standards Organisations of the Railways has been advised to suggest improvement in the locking arrangement of sliding doors of compartments, improvement in the vestibules to prevent unauthorised entry and provision of better lighting facilities in and outside the compartments.

3. Government Railway Police, who are responsible for safety and security of passengers travelling in trains and their belongings, are making all efforts to control crimes on Railways by providing escorts on trains, surveillence over criminals, by arrests and prosecutions in specific .cases. The Railway Protection Force is assisting the Government Railway Police in this regard.

2788. *[Transferred to the 21st August* 1984.]

2789. *Transferred to the* 24th August 1984.]

Persons brought above the Poverty Line in Andhra Pradesh

2790. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR! REDDY: WiH the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who were below poverty line in Andhra Pradesh at the beginning of the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) the number of persons who have been brought above the poverty line during the last two years year-wise;

(c) whether the Central Government have called for a detailed report from Andhra Pradesh Government on the achievement made under the 20-Point Programme, IRDP and NREP; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Based on the 32nd round of the survey conducted by the National Sample Organisation (NSSO), in 1977-78, the number of persons below the poverty line in Andhra Pradesh was estimated at 206.79 lakhs. No estimates for 1979-80, the year before the commencement of the Sixth Plan, are available.

(b) No State-wise estimates have been made of the number of people brought above the poverty line in the first two years of the Plan. However, the number of families assisted under the Integrated Rural Development Programme, one of the important anti-poverty programmes, in Andhra Pradesh was 2.85 lakhs in 1982-83 and 2.49 lakhs in 1983-84.

(c) A regular monthly report is due from all State Governments.

(d) A Statement is enclosed.